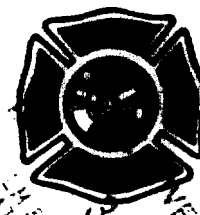


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January 29, 1993

Federal Communications Commission
Gettysburg, PA 17326

RE: FCC PR Docket #92-235 Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88 to revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Service and to modify the policies governing them

The Myrtle Creek City and the Rural Fire Departments are part of the Myrtle Creek 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Jurisdiction and Consolidated Communications System.

The Myrtle Creek Emergency Communications receives the 9-1-1 emergency calls for service in our fire district, and notifies our agency by radio pager. This is done from one radio transmitter site at the Myrtle Creek 9-1-1 building and is not on a repeater. At this time they are transmitting on 50 watts of power. On occasion, due to the mountainous terrain in Douglas County, some of the pagers fail to work.

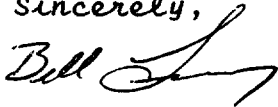
The proposed Rule Changes; which would limit maximum authorized effective radiated power regarding antenna height above the average terrain, could make it necessary for Myrtle Creek Emergency Communications to reduce output power to 5 watts at the radio site.

If Myrtle Creek Emergency Communications were required to reduce the output power at the radio site to 5 watts, they could no longer communicate with our agency. We would be forced to develop our own communications system; which would be cost prohibitive. We would be forced out of business, and the citizens of our fire district would be without fire service. This action would set the fire service in Douglas County back 20 years!

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The proposed Rule Changes would be devastating to Public Safety in the Myrtle Creek Fire Protection Area. The Myrtle Creek Fire District is protesting these proposed Rule Changes, and would like to see exceptions in the rural areas in the Pacific Northwest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Leming".

Bill Leming
Fire Chief

cc: Senator Bob Packwood
Senator Mark Hatfield
Congressman Peter DeFazio
Chief Dispatcher Eadie Cramer

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